

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING WARD HUSSEY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great American and public servant, the Legislative Counsel of the House of Representatives, Ward Hussey.

Ward Hussey's career was defined by service. He stood on the front lines of World War II and stormed the beaches of Okinawa. He got little attention in the public eye, but for 43 years in the Office of Legislative Counsel, he was the wordsmith of the House; a core player in the legislative process; a truly indispensable voice and a source of institutional knowledge and intelligence for every Member of Congress.

Ward Hussey held no allegiance to party or partisan causes—only to his country, the Congress, and the people of the United States.

His job was to give form to ideas and to turn vague proposals into concrete pieces of legislation. Always remaining behind the scenes, he called himself a “catalyst,” a man who “filled in” the details and made sure all sides were represented. Always an example of hard work, commitment, and duty, his colleagues called him a kind and decent man, who brought an extraordinary knowledge and discipline to the job.

Ward Hussey left a deep imprint on our national identity, our social fabric, and our daily lives. His fingerprints can be found on the Marshall Plan, the interstate highway system, and Medicare. Most significantly, his words and expertise formed the foundation of our modern tax code.

Over more than 4 decades of service, Ward Hussey's, achievements became the cornerstones of our common progress as a country.

I hope it is a comfort to Ward Hussey's children, grandchildren, great-grandchild, family and friends that the House of Representatives mourns the loss of this giant of the Capitol and is praying for them in this sad time. May his legacy live on in our ongoing pursuit of legislative achievement.

RECOGNIZING COACH JIM DREWRY

HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special Mississippian. Coach Jim Drewry of Booneville, Mississippi has been named the winningest coach in Mississippi High School Football history.

Coach Drewry began his coaching career at Kossuth (Miss.) High School in the spring of 1958. He spent two years at Kossuth, then moved to Brandon (Miss.) High School as an assistant coach in 1960. After five years,

Coach Drewry took the head coaching job at Booneville (Miss.) High School in 1965, where he led the Blue Devils to three bowl games and a Tombigbee Conference co-championship in 1977.

He returned as head coach at Kossuth High School from 1979 to 1986. Then Coach Drewry retired and was out of coaching for two years. In 1989, he got back into coaching as head coach at Tishomingo (Miss.) High School. After just one season, Coach Drewry returned to Booneville High School in 1990, guiding my alma mater Blue Devils to a Class 2A state title.

Since returning to Booneville High School football, Coach Drewry has led the Blue Devils to win state championships and division championships. He has an overall record of 345-156-5, making him the most successful public school football coach in Mississippi. Coach Drewry was also recognized in the Mississippi Association of Coach Hall of Fame and the National Federation of High School Hall of Fame.

I applaud Coach Jim Drewry's achievements and I hope he will continue to guide the Booneville Blue Devils and victoriously represent Mississippi's First District. I urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Coach Jim Drewry for his winning record and for his years of service on and off the field spent mentoring young people in Mississippi.

RECOGNIZING “THE ARMS FORCES” NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker. I rise to recognize The Arms Forces, a nonprofit organization recently created in our region of Northwest Ohio. The Arms Forces develops and maintains a network of volunteers who provide assistance to service men and women who have returned from combat with a traumatic brain injury or PTSD. Life Navigation Coaches are trained to help veterans define, access, and navigate existing supportive services and benefits. Through the group's “Inspirational Listening Tour,” wounded warriors are met in their home communities and share their challenges. Volunteers of The Arms Forces are personally attuned to the suffering of TBI and PTSD and understand the impact of these injuries on our veterans. Through the volunteers' efforts, the enable wounded warriors to reach their highest potential and improve the quality of their lives.

The Arms Forces members are passionate and committed in their service. I am proud to share their story.

HONORING DON LAUB

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Don Laub and for his dedication to his family, community, and agriculture. Mr. Laub passed away on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, from injuries suffered in a farm accident, at the age of 76. A memorial service was held for him on Monday, October 26, 2009.

Mr. Don Laub was born on July 22, 1933, in Fresno, California, to a farming family. As a young man he founded Laub Ranches and J & L Vineyards in Easton. The family-run businesses produce top-quality table grapes, raisins, and wine grapes. He was a leader in the agricultural community and was passionate about preserving the family farm and agricultural education for students.

Mr. Laub served as the Fresno County Farm Bureau president from 1986 until 1988. He also served on the California Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors and served on several advisory committees for both the state and national Farm Bureau organizations. Outside of agriculture and farming, Mr. Laub was dedicated to giving back to the community. He was heavily involved with the Fresno County Affordable Housing Task Force and the Fresno County Public Schools Foundation.

For his efforts, Mr. Laub was named the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce Agriculturist of the Year in 1994 and was honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the California Farm Bureau Federation in 1996 for his years of working on labor, water, and public utility issues.

Mr. Laub is survived by his wife, Clara; daughters, Debbie and son-in law Ray Jacobsen, Diane Tavares and Donna Laub; son, David Laub; grandchildren, Ryan Jacobsen and his wife Ashley, Megan Jacobsen, Brandon Jacobsen, Jason Allred and his wife Beth, Jared Allred and Dustin Laub; and three great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Don Laub. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and wishing the best for his family.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2996—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

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